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CHEROKEE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY

1. I HAVE JUST THIS MORNING RECEIVED SECTO 9035  
REGARDING YOUR DESIRE TO ATTEND THE CANAL SIGNING  
CEREMONY. UNFORTUNATELY THE SEPTEMBER 7 DATE FOR THE  
SIGNING CEREMONY HAS CRYSTALIZED OVERNIGHT. THE  
PRESIDENT DISCUSSED THE SEPTEMBER 7 DATE WITH TORRIJOS  
YESTERDAY AT 4:00 P.M., AND WITHIN MINUTES A "HIGH  
RANKING PANAMIAN OFFICIAL" APPARENTLY LEAKED A STORY  
REGARDING THAT DATE. SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA OF THE  
OAS, WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN CONSULTING ABOUT THE  
CEREMONY, THEN CONFIRMED THE PROPOSED DATE IN A  
TELEPHONE INTERVIEW. AS A RESULT, THE MORNING PAPERS  
HERE ARE ALL CARRYING STORIES IDENTIFYING SEPTEMBER 7  
AS THE SIGNING DATE. THIS DATE HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN OUR  
LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS ON AN FYI BASIS.

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2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I DOUBT THE FEASIBILITY OF  
OBTAINING A POSTPONEMENT OF THE DATE, BUT OF COURSE WILL  
TRY WITH THE PRESIDENT IF YOU WISH. AS MENTIONED  
YESTERDAY, THE PRESIDENT WAS STRONGLY ADVISED IN THE  
MEETING YESTERDAY TO HAVE THE CEREMONY DURING LABOR DAY

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WEEK, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RETURN OF CONGRESS. I AM  
VERY SORRY THAT I DID NOT BETTER PROTECT YOUR POSITION,  
AND, LOOKING BACK ON YESTERDAY'S HECTIC EVENTS, FEEL  
CHAGRINED THAT I DID NOT PRESS THE CONFLICT MORE  
AGGRESSIVELY, THOUGH I DID BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF  
BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND ZBIG.

3. I WONDER IF IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO  
COMMENCE YOUR TALKS WITH GROMYKO ON SEPTEMBER 8. CHRISTOPHER

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